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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have come here at the direction of President Ford to talk with President Nyerere about the prospects for peace in southern Africa. This initiative started at the request of African leaders during my visit in April. Every step that has brought us here has been carefully discussed with leaders in Africa and especially with the front line presidents. Every step we will take in the future will be closely coordinated with the front line presidents. The United States wants nothing for itself except its interest in peace and in economic and social progress. The conflict that we are trying to end is a conflict which will affect most of all the peoples of Africa. The progress we are trying to bring will benefit above all the peoples of Africa. We will do what we are asked to do, we will do nothing that is not requested, will take no initiatives that are not invited and whatever progress will occur depends on the attitude of the parties and the goodwill of the participants. We are prepared to make the effort that is encouraged. And in this spirit I look forward very much to my talks with the distinguished leader of this country, President Nyerere, with whom we have had close communications over the recent months and who has encouraged us in our enterprise.

Thank you very much.